**MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know whether it is stated in the scheme that the staff now employed for preventing smuggling is incompetent to meet the situation?

**PRESIDENT**: I will not allow that question in that way. I will allow your question if you ask whether the staff is competent.

**MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know whether the staff is sufficient to meet the requirements?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Excise Commissioner*): So far as the scheme is concerned, I have answered that the details of the proposals cannot be published at the present stage. The question of staff is inncluded in that.

**MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know whether the present staff is doing sufficient work?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Excise Commissioner*): The present staff is doing what can be expected of them, as ordinary human beings.

**MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know the number of cases detected at the frontier in 1108?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Excise Commissioner*): That does not arise as a supplementary question to this question. I have not noted it.

**MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): May I know the total quantity of tobacco imported into Travancore last year?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Excise Commissioner*): I claim notice.

**MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether Cochin or Travancore imports more tobacco from foreign countries?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Excise Commissioner*): We have not got accurate information as to the quantity of tobacco imported into Cochin.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): May I know roughly what is the consumption of Cochin?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Excise Commissioner*): There is no information apart from what Mr. Thanu Pillai has said.

**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvella III*): May I know the date of the report?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Excise Commissioner*): 21st of March 1934.

**MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether he is in the habit of receiving proposals from Assistant Excise Commissioners?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Excise Commissioner*): Sometimes, if any of the Assistant Excise Commissioners feel the necessity for bringing any matter to the notice of the Excise Commissioner, they send up reports thereon.

*Bus fare charged by the North Travancore Motor Union.*

180. ***MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the rate per mile allowed by the Government for the North Travancore Motor Union to be collected by them in the Alwaye-Parur line;

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(*b*) whether the rate allowed to them is the same as that allowed to other Unions; and

(*c*) if not, whether any special concession is given to them to levy a higher rate?

**RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR** (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) No rate has been fixed.

(*b*) & (*c*). Do not arise.

**MR T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know whether the rate is fixed for any other Unions?

**RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR** (*Commissioner of Police*): Not that I am aware of.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): Is there any provision under which either the Department or the Government can fix any rate?

**RAO RAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR** (*Commissioner of Police*): I doubt if there is any provision I think they can only fix the maximum rate.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know who is responsible for fixing the maximum rates? Is it the Police Department or the Traffic Superintendent of Police or the Government?

**RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR** (*Commissioner of Police*): I cannot say off-hand whether it is the Traffic Superintendent or other person. Certainly it is the duty of the Police.

**MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from the member whether the State cars are exempted from the operation of the Motor Vehicles Regulation?

**RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR** (*Commissioner of Police*) They are not altogether exempt from the provisions of the Regulation. They are exempt only from certain portions of the Regulation.

**MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from the member whether a separate speed limit is fixed for the State cars?

**RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR** (*Commissioner of Police*): No.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether he is aware that there is great disparity in the rates per mile adopted by different owners of cars?

**RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR** (*Commissioner of Police*): I am aware.

*Opening of a dispensary at Mannuparambu.*

181. ✻**MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation was made to open a dispensary at Mannuparambu in the Kunnatnad taluk; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

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